

Expects to Play Way to Fame and Fortune On Freak Instrument of His Invention

Colored Man Has Named
His Musical Wonder the
"Boxophone."

WANTS TO SECURE A PATENT

Although Crude of Construction He
Manages to Play Popular
Airs.

The "boxophone" is the latest musical instrument on which, having made it himself out of an old box and named it, N. W. Ray, an old-time dandy of the South, expects to play his way into fame and fortune.

Ray and his old wooden box form perhaps the most unique musical combination that has ever come to town. Out of an old rifle box, which is not uncommon in the mountains of western North Carolina, Ray has made a fair imitation of a banjo, "with many important improvements," as he himself confesses.

Construction of the Freak.
The lid of the box is missing, and on the outside of the bottom is placed five wires. Some of the wires may have been used for telephoning, while others may have been stripped from a barbed wire fence, judging from their appearance.

Each wire is held in place at the ends by a wooden block being nailed to the box. By an adjustment of numerous bridges at each end and in the middle, the inventor-musician gets his tones. For a crude instrument the "boxophone" would be difficult to surpass.

Ray is as proud of his invention, which attracts attention everywhere, as his little dandy nephew was when he found he had a watermelon all to himself. The idea originated entirely with the player and he has come to Washington to get a patent on it.

Hails From North Carolina.
The dandy hails from Asheville, N. C., where he brought his invention to light about six months ago. He stumbled upon the idea at first and then it re-



INVENTOR RAY AND HIS "BOXOPHONE."

quired but a little while to perfect the box. It made such a hit with the people at the fashionable hotels in and about Asheville that he started "on the road" with it. "Ah've played to big white folks in Chatanooga, Knoxville, all 'round de South," said Ray. "Den I goes up t' Lan'le City and New York an' Cooney Island an' ah been ev'rywhur and ah come hyre t' git ma pet a patent on it."

Ray is still shy sufficient money to obtain a patent, so he has procured a permit from the police to play on the streets for one week in a certain section in the Southwest. Ray says he has a niece who is quite a musician, and she declares that there are great possibilities for his instrument. She has been working and making money, and if he doesn't round up enough within a week or so she will send up a sum to help out.

Can't Play His Favorites.

Ray's only regret in connection with his instrument is that he cannot play on it "Dixie," "The Swanee River," and other favorite old-time Southern melodies. "Ef Ah had two moah whibs Ah could play 'em all right," he explained. "As 'tis, Ah kin play all right till Ah reach foah high C, but when Ah git 'way to th' end, Ah 'skiver Ah kaint find ut," and the musician, usually serious, laughed right heartily over his joke.

CALLS CONFERENCE OF SCHOOL HEADS

Dr. Chancellor Announces a
Meeting of Supervising
Principals Tomorrow.

Supervising principals have been notified to be present at a conference to be held at the Franklin School building Monday, when Superintendent Chancellor and Assistant Superintendent Hughes will lay before them their duties for the coming year. Business is being transacted in rapid style, and the new superintendent hopes to have things in working order long before the schools open. The examinations for the principals will take place in the near future, and it is thought the new heads of the various high schools will have ample time in which to make their plans before the formal opening of the schools.

Dr. Chancellor, who has been absent from the city for several days, will arrive home some time this afternoon, in order to be present for the conference tomorrow morning. It is understood other important business will be transacted at this meeting, which will be of material interest to the administration of the school affairs.

PROBABLY FATAL ENDING TO FIGHT

Colored Lad Shoots Another,
Following An Altercation
Over Whisky.

BOYD, Md., Sept. 8.—Ernest Simms, colored, was shot and mortally wounded by a colored lad named William Fisher, near Bearsburg, this afternoon, following a discussion over whisky. Simms made an attack on Fisher with a knife, and it is alleged, when Fisher went out into his home and got a shotgun, Simms jumped behind a tree. As he looked from behind it Fisher, having a dead aim on him, pulled the trigger.

The full load entered Simms' forehead tearing out his right eye, and making a hole in his forehead, causing concussion of the brain, from which it is believed he cannot live.

Fisher was arrested by Constable Gray and taken to jail at Rockville tonight. He claims self-defense.

A small child of Henry Scott, at Martinsburg, this county, was accidentally shot by the child's sister, while playing with a shotgun today, the load badly maiming a limb. The child cannot live.

CALIFORNIANS TO OBSERVE
GOLD STATE'S ANNIVERSARY

The California State Association will meet tonight at the National Hotel to celebrate the anniversary of California's admission to the Union. There will be an address and a literary entertainment.

Baltimore and Return, \$1.25, Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains both ways, both days, except Royal Limited.

INSTITUTE OPENS ITS FALL SEASON

St. Stephen's Fellowship En-
tertain With a Smoker,
Songs, and Dancing.

The St. Stephen's Institute started its fall and winter season Thursday by giving a smoker in the institute's quarters. The event attracted a large and appreciative number of members, who were enthusiastic over the prospects for the coming season. After a few remarks by Mr. Fortune, the chairman of the evening, a solo entitled "Sailing" was rendered by Mr. Pettit. Messrs. Toulote and Norris gave several selections on the piano. Lee Moxley and Mack Athey, of the Minstrel Club, rendered many new songs. T. Myers, of the baseball team, entertained the members with songs and dancing. Mr. Boyland, president of the institute, announced the first rehearsal for the coming minstrel performance, and said the present reports he expected it to be the greatest success ever attained by the Minstrel Club. James Hughes, director of athletics, has issued a call for football, which will be a new feature of the institute.

Tomorrow the institute will give an excursion on the steamer Jamestown, which will leave the wharf at 7 p. m.

The Institute baseball team has passed through a very successful season, and although not winning the pennant, as they did in the two previous seasons, they defeated the leaders in the majority of the games, and succeeded in finishing third in the league. A great deal of interest is being manifested in the semi-annual election of the board of directors, which will take place the first Monday in October.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held its first meeting of the season last Friday evening, and is making preparations for what promises to be a very successful year.

SERVANTS RAISE HOWL TO WEAR MUSTACHES

Police in France Insist on One Day's
Rest Weekly Like Other
Employees.

PARIS, Sept. 8.—The question of the weekly day of rest, now become law in Paris, is exciting many "classes" of society. The law makes no mention of domestic servants, but this body has now started an agitation to be given the same privileges as people engaged in shops and factories.

Another privilege that domestic servants are clamoring for—those of the male persuasion—is the privilege to wear mustaches. The policemen, who have hitherto had one day off in ten, now claim that they, too, should be brought in line with the law and given a day of rest weekly.

Flowers for Fall Weddings.
The work of Gude's artists was approved. The finest specimen blooms are used. 124 F.

Week End Trips to Deer Park and the mountains in September—Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Delightful short trips can be made to famous Deer Park Hotel during the month of September at the low rate of \$3.00 for the round trip. Tickets good on all trains of Friday afternoons, Saturdays, and Sundays, and good to return on all through trains from Deer Park up to and including early evening trains of following Monday.

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GEN. PRATT'S DAUGHTER WEDS MR. COMBS

CARLISLE, Pa., Sept. 8.—Miss Rich-
enda Henrietta Pratt, youngest daugh-
ter of Brig. Gen. R. H. Pratt, of Den-
ver, Col., for twenty-five years super-
intendent of the Carlisle Indian School,
was married here this evening to Dr.
Robert S. Combs, of Philadelphia. The
wedding was a fashionable one, many
employees of the Government in the In-
dian service being among the guests.

\$.60 Baltimore and Return—Home-
coming and Jubilee, Baltimore and Ohio,
September 9 and 10. Tickets good re-
turning, until September 17. Express
trains. Every hour on the hour, week
days, 7 a. m. to 8 p. m., both ways.

ACUTE GASTRITIS CAUSE OF JOHN B. KIEL'S DEATH

John B. Kiel, thirty-three years old,
of Jacksonville, Ill., died yesterday
without having received medical atten-
tion at the home of Mrs. Loveless, on
Benning road, where he was boarding.
The body was sent to the morgue, and
after an investigation by Coroner Nevitt
a certificate of death from acute gas-
tritis was issued.

READS, WALKS, AND WORKS AT AGE OF NINETY-NINE

WINSTED, Conn., Sept. 8.—William
C. Phelps, Winsted's oldest citizen,
was ninety-nine years old today. He
walked half a mile for exercise.
Mr. Phelps can read the newspapers
without the aid of glasses and he has
done most of the work in his daughter's
garden this summer. He has not lost
a meal in eight years, and with the ex-
ception of a slight illness ten years ago,
he has not had a doctor in half a cen-
tury. He writes 200 words daily to his
nieces in Ohio.

PASTOR QUILTS CHURCH TO BE BASEBALL PATRON

SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 8.—Because
there was objection on the part of some
of the trustees to his attending profes-
sional baseball games Rev. Edward W.
Dewitt has resigned the pastorate of
the North Main Avenue Church, to
which he came from Athens, this State,
a year ago.

Store Hours:
Open 8 a. m.
Close 6 p. m.
Saturday
Open Until
9 p. m.

KING'S PALACE

ALL HATS TRIMMED FREE

The Fall Merchandise Is Arriving Daily

We're receiving each day great shipments of Fall merchandise. Our buyers on the market are sending in their orders with great activity, and we're scarcely room to receive them. The buyers are occupying a great portion of our floor-space, and the goods are consequently crowded. We're forced to attempt stock reduction immediately—the bargain bulletin below is extraordinary. Fall merchandise, stylish, new and desirable is offered below what you expect to pay for like qualities.

An Unparalleled List of Dry Goods Leaders

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| Just arrived, fine German Venetian Broadcloth, full 54 inches wide, with beautiful silk finish, in all new leading shades. This is the same that generally sells at \$1.25 a yard. Our price Monday..... 89c | Changeable Taffeta, full yd. wide; every yard wear guaranteed, in all different colors of changeable effects. Extra heavy; no filling. Was \$1.25. Special Monday..... 79c | Very best quality Apron Ging-
ham, in blue, brown, and green checks; all sizes; warranted fast color. Usual sells for 5c. Special on Monday..... 4c | Pure Irish Linen Damask, war-
ranted all linen. This is the same kind you have always sold 3c for. Special on Monday at..... 19c |
| Fine All-wool Gray Suiting, 54 inches wide, in all the new overplaid effects, as well as small checks and pepper and salt designs. Sold generally for \$1.60 a yard. Special on Monday..... 79c | Mercerized Satteen, for linings or dress checks; full yard wide; all colors. Regular 25c grade. No remnants. Special on Monday at..... 15c | 10-4 Fine Fleece
Blankets, in blue or red borders; nice weight. Special at..... 49c | Strictly All-linen Dinner Nap-
kins, 5-8 size; are strictly pure linen and not union. Have sold at \$1.50 a dozen. Monday special at..... 98c |
| All-wool Fancy Plaid Suitings, in green and brown, brown and blue, red and brown, gray and black, and plain gray plaid effects; all goods 42 inches wide; all new designs. Worth 75c. Our price on Monday..... 49c | Regular 10c extra heavy Un-
bleached Canton Flannel, 30 inches wide; perfect goods; no seconds. Special on Monday..... 6c | 11-4 Extra Heavy Blankets, in pink or light blue borders. Have been getting \$1.50 a pair for them. Special at..... 98c | Standard Sheets, 72x90, for full size bed; made of Fruit of the Loom cotton; known as one of the best. Regular 60c kind. Special at..... 37c |
| Fine Gray Wool Suit-
ings, in plaids, checks, and fancy mixtures. Worth 45c. Special Monday..... 25c | Large size Absorbent Huck
Towels, with or without fringe, neat red border. Have been selling for 10c. Special at..... 4c | Half-wool Extra Soft Blankets; 5 pounds weight, in pink, light blue, and red borders. These blankets have never sold for less than \$3.50 a pair. Special on Monday..... \$1.49 | Pillow Cases, full size, made of Fruit of the Loom cotton. Instead of 15c, special at..... 9c |
| Ombre Plaids in a beautiful range of plaids. This fabric is very much sought after this season for fall suits. Our regular price is 25c. Special on Monday..... 18c | Very best Standard Table Oil-
cloth; always sells at 10c. 20 different patterns to select from. Our price Monday..... 10c | White Enamel Cottage Poles, with silver finished knobs; complete with fixtures. Have been selling for 25c. Special on Monday at..... 10c | Bleached Cotton; one case on hand of Mill Ends of some of the best brands made, including such as Fruit of the Loom, Anchor, Hill, and Lonsdale brands, and many other well-known brands that sell from 8 to 12 1/2c a yard. Special at..... 5c |
| | Standard Stair Oilcloth, 15 and 18 inches wide; sold at 8c and 10c a yard; best quality made; in beautiful patterns; either width. Special at..... 4c | Pure German Linen Table-
cloth, 8-4 size; in plain white, with blue or red border; usually sells for \$1.60. As we have only 100 left will mark them specially on Monday at..... 59c | Outing Flannel; extra heavy, in pink, light blue, tan, gray, and black checks and stripes; warranted fast color. Always sold for 9c. Special at..... 5c |

Laces & Embroideries Featured Tomorrow

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| Point de Paris Laces, Edges, and Insertions, from 2 in. to 5 in. wide; very neat and desirable patterns that for 8c a yard. Monday at..... 5c | Torchon Laces; fine quality in both edges and insertion; worth in the regular way 8c and 10c a yard. Monday, special..... 4c | Oriental and Venetian Bands; in black, white, and cream; very special value at 10c, 15c, 25c..... 39c |
| Oriental All-overs in cream and white; a dozen patterns to select from; selling regularly at 75c. Special at..... 49c | Venice and Oriental All-overs; 25 new, beautiful patterns, in black, white, and cream. Never before shown. \$1.25 and \$1.50 values. Special at..... 98c | Embroideries for making infants' wear; fine, neat patterns, in Swiss and Mainsack. Special values at 10c, 15c..... 25c |

Four Big Bargains in Waists

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| 75 good quality Chiffon Taffeta Waists, tailored with 4 narrow bias bands and French knots, forming a design; cluster tucks in back; new sleeves with tucked cuff, collar tucked, another style has panels of silk embroidery down front; cluster tucks, pleated back, tucked cuff; others are lace trimmed; in black, white, navy, and light blue. Worth \$5.00. Special at..... \$2.98 | Clearing up of 50 dozen Persian Lawn Shirt Waists, in large variety of styles, handsomely trimmed with panels of embroidered lace and pintucks between. Others with solid embroidered fronts, formed of 5 and 6 rows of Hamburg insertion; elbow and long sleeves; collars tucked and trimmed. Worth \$1.50. Special at..... 69 cts. | | |
| New shipment of fall striped Madras Peter Pan Waists, long sleeves, deep cuffs, high collar, pocket at side, open front. Worth 80c. Special at..... 49c | New fall Taffeta Silk Petticoats, the rustling kind; deep sectional ruffle; cut extra full. Worth \$5. Special..... \$2.98 | Imitation Heatherloom Petticoats, in black and all leading shades; deep shirred ruffle with 15 rows of shirring in clusters of 5. Worth \$1.50. Special..... 98c | Lot of new wide flouncing embroidered, in Swiss and Cambrie. This quality of goods has frequently brought as high as 10c a yd. Special on Monday at..... 25c |

\$16 New Fall Suits, \$12.98

New Fall Coat Suits, of broad cloth, cheviot, and novelty cloths; 22-inch coat, satin lined, tight fitting back, strap seam, button trimmed, latest style full sleeve, turn-back cuff; lapel and collar. Another style, new Pony Jacket, double-breasted, inlaid velvet collar, trimmed with silk braid and buttons, satin lined. Skirts are of the new kilt style; others panel front, some pleated front, 9-gore, trimmed with braid and buttons to match coat. These are the regular \$16.00 grade. Special Sat-
urday at..... \$12.98

We have just received a new line of Fall Skirts; serge cheviot; finished with strap seam, ending in full kilt; bands of same material. We have these skirts in black and blue. This article cannot be duplicated at less than \$5.00. Our price \$3.98
Monday.....

We are now showing all the advance styles of Fall Millinery in trimmed tailor-made hats; ready to wear, outing and fall untrimmed shapes; in all latest shapes and colorings. Our first Fall Hat special:
\$1.50 Fall Hat, 95c

20 dozen trimmed Vesta Tilley Hats, rolling brim sailors and turban-shaped hats, trimmed with velvet, rosettes, and quills; in black only. \$1.50 values for 95c.

Ladies' Misses' and Children's Outing Hats, 95c

Complete assortment of the latest styles of outing hats, all colors, including soft crown shapes, silk ribbon band trimmed; very desirable for street and school wear. Special at 95c.

Gloves.

Ladies' Long Lisle Gloves; 12-button length; 2 clasps; fine quality; all sizes; black and white; worth \$1.00. Special at..... 75c

Ladies' Long Milanese Silk Gloves, two clasps; splendid quality; all sizes, in black and white; worth \$2.00. Special at..... \$1.50

Hose Supporters.
Ladies' Pad Hose Supporters, fine quality, satin pad, four broad elastic straps; this is the 30c quality. 25c Special at.....

Toilet Requisites.
White Castle Soap..... 3c
Williams' Shaving Soap, 10c kind..... 2c
Violet Toilet Water, 25c kind..... 4c
Colgate's Sachet Envelopes, all leading odors..... 8c
Hot Water Bottles; 2-quart size; 7c kind..... 4c
Large Whisk Brooms, 15c kind..... 8c

Ribbed Underwear.
8 dozen Ladies' Jersey Ribbed Vests, with long sleeves; broken sizes; 25c quality. To close out, special at..... 19c

4 dozen Children's Nazareth Waists; broken sizes; 25c quality. To close out, special at..... 19c

60 dozen Ladies' Fast Black Hosiery, fine quality; regular 12 1/2c kind. Special price on Monday..... 7c

75c Lace Collars, 49c.
Lace Chemises and Lace Collars; more than a dozen beautiful designs and patterns for you to choose from; these are 75c and \$1.00 goods. Exceptional values for 49c.

75c Veils, 39c.
Lace Veils, in most all colors; 54 inches long. A 75c value for 39c.

25c Ruchings, 5c.
Ladies' Neck Ruchings, all colors, new styles; kind that sells for 10c and 25c a yard. Special at, a length 5c.